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For: Measuring System with Improved Method of) Confirmation No.: 9729
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of the above-captioned application and respectfully submit the following comments in connection with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicants note that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance refers to certain language as a basis of patentability that deviates from the specific language recited in claims 7, 14, 21 and 27. For example, with regard to claims 7, 14 and 21, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance refers to "coordinate transformation information", but claims 7, 14 and 21 do not recite this language. In addition, with regard to claim 27, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance refers to "calculating means" and "synthesizing means", but claim 27 does not recite this language.

Applicants expressly seek to avoid any inference or implied acquiescence which could arise in view of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and respectfully submit that the Examiner's deviations from the claim language should not be a basis for limiting the scope of the claims beyond their literal scope and equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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